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MERCHANTS AND GRANGES.

We have learned, with regret, that the impression is abroad, that one object of the granges is to establish co-operative stores and thus destroy the merchants' vocations—coming under the head of middlemen. We are not a member of a grange and have no authority to speak for the Order; but will venture the opinion, that it will do the farmers more harm than good to undertake to pull down, indiscriminately, legitimate and long established pursuits, upon the plea that they are neither mechanical nor agricultural. Diversity of pursuits is the life of business and the key to general prosperity. Merchandizing is as old as the first advent towards civilization and will continue to the end of time. As a more reliable proof that the cry of war, upon merchants, is a mere fabrication we will quote the reply of Mr. Saunders, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the National Grange, to a question put by a Herald reporter on this point:

"I have received a letter to-day" said Mr. Saunders, "from the master of a grange in Tennessee, who writes that he has a capital of \$20,000, with which to start a co-operative store. Please send us your plan." My answer was: The Grange does not encourage co-operative stores. Until one can be found that has stood the test of twelve years' business, such organizations cannot receive the approbation of the National Executive Committee. They all run into speculation, and that is what we want to avoid."

This is from headquarters, and if anything we have written, conveys a different impression, the fault is ours, not that of the granges, which will have enough to do to break down dangerous monopolies, to break up "corners" in wheat and flour, in pork and corn, as well as all other corrupt rings—the administration included—held together by a common desire to rob the people. When they have done these things and replaced Liberty on her throne and Justice on the Bench, their labors will better bear curtailing than extension. Nor will they make any permanent progress in the work of reform unless they proceed upon the cardinal idea that the intellectual and moral faculties of all classes must be cultivated, in order that virtue and intelligence shall become, as originally intended, the safeguards of liberty and justice and the leading characteristics of people and government.

Whilst on this subject, we will give our principal reasons for advocating the Patronage of Husbandry. We desire the success of the granges at the North, because we believe they will prove most effectual agencies for the overthrow of the oppressive aristocracy established by fraud and force, upheld by corruption and money and sustained by a people too ignorant to foresee its disastrous results, or too corrupt to care what becomes of their rights and liberties. We want to see the granges succeeding in the South because they will bring about such co-operation of the farmers, as will tend to enlighten them upon all subjects bearing upon their rights as the majority class and their rights as the supporters of government and commerce, as, in fact, the staff of life to every interest developed by commerce and civilization. Such organizations will be soothed to appreciate their own importance to the world, and how they can best advance themselves to the position of wealth and power, and make every grange an efficient agent in building up the common school system in every southern State. All other considerations are but secondary to these and if due consideration and effort be given to them, the correction of all minor evils will follow as effect follows cause.

Neither Col. Bruce's explicit denial of the charge preferred against him, by the Bulletin, of having paid for the office he holds, nor Mr. Hobbs' equally emphatic denial of having sold the office, seems to satisfy the Radical organ. Familiar with the corruption of its own party and the rings that encamp and uphold it, it is somewhat excusable in the Bulletin to have lost faith in man's integrity and to doubt whether a man can honestly obtain an office. Mr. Hobbs' card we publish to-day, Col. Bruce's reply to the Bulletin has not been published. Either is sufficient for the vindication of both, and both together ought to satisfy the most incredulous.

In our efforts to group together the causes of dissension which will probably bring defeat to the Conservative party and disaster to the State, we were unkindly enough to disturb a hot nest. One paper assails us because the ex-Governor Governor was hunted as one of those probable causes, and another complains of our enumerating a new State party, as another, but assures us there will be no such party unless the opposition builds it up. This is a gratifying assurance and we shall act upon it so far as to be altogether silent on a subject about which we have had little to say, and that little in no offensive terms.

Our sole object in the article alluded to, was to call public attention to the dangers ahead, in order that the people might duly consider, and be prepared to avert it. We shall be glad to learn that our fears have magnified the danger, and that the future will develop harmony and victory rather than discord and defeat.

The rail mill at Chattanooga has thirteen puddlers, and employs fifteen hundred hands. Here we see the power of capital to multiply population and enhance the prosperity of town and country. The population of a large village, is there brought together by the public spirit of a few men of means. Mechanics, day laborers and farmers all profit by the enterprise.

We hope in the next session of Congress, the effort will be made to amend the Constitution as to restrict the tenure of the Federal Executive to one term of four or six years. If it has no other effect it will define the position of all who favor Grant's third term aspirations.

The spirit of modesty impels us in reply to the Franklin Review and Journal to say that we aspire to the leadership of no party, nor to any rivalry with the distinguished names with which that paper couples the CHRONICLE, in order, we presume, to give a keener point to its overblown ridicule. We feel terribly crushed—not so much by the weight of its displeasure, as by the spirit of fairness and courtesy which dignified the savage assault. For this we can not account, except upon the hypothesis that the Review is the organ of the great commoners. If so, it should hang out its sign and present its credentials, instead of displaying false colors. If Greenville is its Mecca and Andy its Mahomet, we will test the strength of its faith by asking whether it endorses the betrayal of the South by its prophet? Whether it sanctions his democratic and kindly rule, as Military Governor of Tennessee? Whether it admires his high-handed assumption of power in removing the legally elected Governors of the Southern States, appointing in their stead, the carpetbag thieves whose only business was to pick up all that Grant and Sherman had overlooked in their barbarous invasion, and inaugurating, of his own volition, that system of reconstruction which was to make treason odious, strip the South of its means of resurrection and subject it to negro rule?

If the Review approves all the tyranny, insult and oppression which Tennessee and the entire South endured at the hands of Andrew Johnson, as an officer of the Federal Government, we shall know where to place it and how to treat things at our motives and objects. If it does not approve, and will not defend them, by what rule of courtesies does it arrive at the conclusion that no conservative editor should infer from the antecedents of the sage of Greenville, that he is unworthy to be trusted by the good people of Tennessee?

Neither as the Moses of the negro, nor as the idol of the Review can we do otherwise than detest, and protest against his every official act towards the South, whilst in sympathy with, and in the pay of, the Radical party. We do not question the right of our contemporary to prefer Andrew Johnson to any man in the State, for any office to which he may aspire and, in conceding that right we shall indulge in no ungenerous insinuations against his motives, nor ridicule of his efforts to give effect to his honest convictions. In conclusion, we ask one favor of the Review and that is, that it will not repeat the charge that we are a Democratic, for such we are not and never have been. We are neither the leader nor the follower of any party, but since the war have labored to the extent of our limited ability, to harmonize the opposition to Radicalism that the country might be delivered from its accursed rule. This harmony, successful when Stokes was beaten, was broken up when Andrew Johnson, as an independent, disrupted it and divided the offices with Radicals. We opposed this man for years before the war, we denounced and despised him during the war, and have seen no reason for a change of opinion.

The granges of Iowa have held their State Convention and made their nominations. The resolutions adopted are clear, brief and pointed. An effort was made to ascertain the number of representatives of the two old parties now acting in concert, but the proposition was wisely voted down. There were neither Radicals nor Democrats in that body. The majority, it is known, were Grant men last year, and their candidate for Governor voted for him. When men thus under old party affinities and associations it shows that they are in earnest and have faith in the wisdom of the movement they are inaugurating. Blind devotion to party, in the past, was clearly the parent of the troubles which culminated in civil war, and the same cause has, year by year, prolonged and multiplied the cruelties of all minor evils will follow as effect follows cause.

Too much legislation is the great curse of this country, and it should be removed, by the action of the Legislature, not often than once in four years, and the sittings restricted, to half their present length. When convened, the members seem to think they must do something in return for their pay, and not knowing what to do, else than mischief by passing laws not needed and tinkering upon those that never ought to have been passed. The duties of citizens are few, and can be briefly defined, and as punishing their offenses need not fill volumes, and the courts should be so reformed as to make justice prompt and certain.

Hon. Jeff Davis' little talk at the Virginia White Sulphur Springs has caused some excitement among the "Union shirkers." A northern man may lie and "blow" about the glorious achievements of the Union army, with impunity, and the more he lies and vapors, the louder the plaudits bestowed upon him. But let a southern soldier, or statesman, lift his voice in vindication of his cause, or in condemnation of the barbarism of the northern war policy, and it is treason, rebellion and downright ingratitude. The party which rules in peace, ruled in war, and we ask any man of common sense, if their conduct now, does not authorize the most possible construction of their motives and objects then.

The Nation very correctly says that the best market for the farmer is the consumers in neighboring factories. No one questions this truism, but suppose capital prefers interest-bearing bonds to manufacturers, what are farmers to do? Submit to extortion which their weakness invites, or take the remedy into their own hands? The farmers are about to decide this question, and neither the Nation nor any other paper, can save corrupt rings from their impending fate, and the Radicals begin to see "the hand writing on the wall."

The Memphis Ledger says: "Several athletic Memphians are now standing at Venice, on the Bridge of Sighs—a place, on a prison on each hand." And the balance of American citizens stand in a very similar predicament—Grant and empire, political bondage and servile poverty, on each hand.

The small effort made to array the merchants against the CHRONICLE and the granges is, we think, satisfactorily met by an editorial headed "Merchants and granges" in which is quoted the language of the Chairman of the Executive Committee, to the effect, that co-operative stores will not be approved by the central organization. This means, of course, that merchants are not middlemen in the contemplation of the Farmer's movement, and not classed with agents of manipulation who receive their pay out of the advance over the prices at the manufacturer. Merchants pay for their goods and their profits are a percentage upon their own capital, which is not the case with middlemen who use and risk no capital of their own. The distinction is a proper one, and we hope the merchants will not suffer themselves to be dragged into opposition to a movement in which they have no direct concern.

A CORRESPONDENT, in Indiana, sends us a well written and practical communication on the subject of spiritualism. It is not a new thing, but has attracted attention here for years past, and such is the interest felt by many, that we were inclined to give our columns to the discussion of a subject so abstract and impracticable, we could fill them, weekly, to the exclusion of matters of importance to the general welfare. We neither affirm nor deny the truth of spiritualism, and having no knowledge of any utilitarian results from its theory, prefer to devote our space to the tangible interests of this material world. Having declined articles in support of that theory, it would be discourteous and unfair to give place to articles controverting it. Our correspondent thus, we appreciate our position, we know, and we appreciate our reason for declining his communication.

If nothing else can be said in favor of the institution of slavery, it is true that a thousand crimes are committed by free negroes to one by slaves. It is equally true that as long as there were slaveholders, the elements of thieving Radicalism were inevitable—even Ben Butler was a comparatively decent man. An institution which accomplished so much good should not have been abolished merely that New England might display its puritan morality—the synonym of everything that is narrow, selfish, arrogant and mean.

The riotous conduct of the negroes, at Grenada, Mississippi, foreshadowed that war of races which the carpet-baggers are fomenting under the protection, and with the connivance, of the State administration. The whites of the Grant ought to arm and defend the public health. The demonstration of that sort, in the hands of self-defense, appealing, for defense of their own action, to the sense of justice not yet dead in the public heart.

ALCOON is opposed to the nomination of Ames for the governorship of Mississippi. Alcoon, be it remembered is a Radical! to the man born, and claims all the perquisites allowed to Radical officials and, as a native, is opposed to sharing the spoils with a carpet-bagger—especially one who has the advantage of Ben Butler's precept and example in the business of stealing.

It is three-fourths of the Radicals which quietly vote for the nominees of the Democratic party, it would be claimed, by some Bourbons, as a great Democratic victory won single-handed, over the Radical party.

When Grant said "let us have peace," he meant, hands off whilst I give South Carolina and Louisiana fits. The characteristic of a low-flying tyrant is the pleasure he takes in cruelty to the weak and defenseless. Magnanimity and true courage are inseparable as cowardice and cruelty.

GRANT is represented as saying the question of transportation is one in which he feels a deep interest. We presume he has felt so ever since he lost a fine bull "pulp" by means of too heavy freight charges.

MEMPHIS can boast of furnishing to the State, sixty-three years of labor, from one batch of convicts. We hope it will claim the back pay due for the years they were at large.

MAJ. SYKES has prophesied "that the Memphis and Knoxville road is one of the things that will be long here. We wish he would try his prophetic powers on the Princeton road."

HOWEVER much may be said against secret organizations, no one has yet explained how the Farmers' movement can succeed if its granges are thrown open to all.

THE Banner heads an editorial thus: "Parties are of to-day—the Republic is immortal." Yes, like human souls, immortal after death.

The tendency of the legislation, in this and other countries is to build up all vocations at the expense of agriculture, and all honest labor.

BLANTON DUNCAN has turned up again, and puts in a modest claim that the Ohio convention and its nominations, are the work of his own hands.

DYER COUNTY has a pig with six feet—*Coffee County Democrat*.

Every citizen in the State can beat that—with dogs going on only two, and prowling around considerably.

A DISPATCH announces that the President is to celebrate his silver wedding on Friday (yesterday). A few more salary grags will enable him to celebrate a golden wedding.

THE Banner informs us that the ballot box is of tin, and receives, without nausea, whatever ballots may be dropped in it. We are thankful for the information, and admire the dog.

THE Stock Exchange, New York, is excited by the rumored illness of Vanderbilt. A proof of the power of concentrated capital which ought to warn the people of the dangers of a monied aristocracy.

STATE CONVENTION OF FARMERS.

Circular Address of Gen. W. H. Jackson, President of the State Bureau of Agriculture, to the Farmers of Tennessee.

The farmers of East Tennessee in convention assembled, on the 28th of May last, have, through their appropriate committee, of which Col. C. W. Chatham was Chairman, adopted the following resolutions: That the farmers of Middle and West Tennessee, to meet them in a general convention at the State capital, on the 15th of September, in order to enable delegates to leave home on Monday, 15th, and they have also requested the Bureau of Agriculture to assist in giving shape to so important and well timed a movement. I, therefore, as President of the Bureau, expressing the sentiments of the other commissioners, appreciating the immediate good effects upon the agriculture of the State, and the practical good effects upon the prosperity of the farmers, do most heartily unite in urging upon the farmers of the State to send their best representative and practical men, at least one or two from every civil district, if practicable; and if not from every district, then send a large delegation as possible from the several counties, to meet at the State capital in this proposed convention. The idea being to form a "State Farmers' Association." As to the objects of such a convention, I take the liberty of quoting from the excellent address of Col. John C. Burch, before the Press Association of Tennessee, making such additions as I deem proper, as to make it suit the farmers' making:

"The objects of such an association are: the preservation of a thorough and homogeneous organization of the farmers in the State; for a better protection of their common and individual interests; to bring about a more kindly and fraternal feeling, which can only result from actual acquaintance and the proper and persistent maintenance of that most important of all interests, which is our mission to represent: to endeavor to arouse that *esprit de corps* which the farmers proud of our most honorable and ancient calling, we must feel. 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